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Interview ► The piano revolution on Twitch comes to Andorra with the Sports City Fest



Elena Loredo, known on social media as Elesky, is a pianist from Asturias, Spain, who has always loved video games and, despite having gone through the Conservatory and completed piano studies, her passion has always been the interpretation of soundtracks, both video games, anime and cinema. She is also a lover of Japanese culture and movies, and has combined her passion for music with her hobbies. The three words that most define her, said by herself, are: transparent, intense and hardworking.

-What kind of content do you make on Twitch?

-On Twitch I stream music most of the time. The live shows are very spontaneous, because the songs I play are decided by the viewers on the same stream, they even ask for songs I don't know to play by ear (it consists of playing a song on the fly while listening to it for the first ti-

Besides playing the piano, I also make loops with Ableton, sing, play the guitar and the melodica, and sometimes the ocarina. I also really like chatting with the viewers and getting to know them, an incredible community has been created there. Not only I am doing what I love, but I am in very good company and that is very rewarding. In addition, I have been able to meet many people at face-to-face events.

Besides music, I occasionally do Just Chatting, play a video game or participate in a tournament. Last May 4th. I participated in Pokémon Stadium.

-In addition, you have revolutionized the world of music, albeit in a different way.

-I don't know if I would call it a revolution, in the end the world of music is immense and I have my corner on the Internet. I would say that I made the revolution for myself, because from the beginning I did what I wanted and not what was imposed

I've played soundtracks at home by myself since I was 12 years old. One day I did it in front of a camera, and that's where it all started.

Who would have told me that so many people would like it... It all started by chance and has gradually increased. Revolutionary... I don't know, but exciting and satisfying it has been and continues to be.

-How is your day to day?

-I usually get up between 08.00 and 09.00 hours. I eat breakfast, one day I do exercise, and after all that I get ready to stream. Some days I record videos for networks before the stream, and other days I record them after. In the afternoons I sometimes have work, meetings, and if I'm free I make plans with my partner or my fri-



Elena Loredo (Elesky)
Pianist and content creator

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«Everything was by chance. One day I decided to play the piano in front of a camera and that's where it all started» the most boring.

-How many hours a day do you dedicate to the piano?

-My music streams last an average of four hours. When I'm not live, I also usually play the piano to learn new songs or prepare concerts, but I don't do it every day.

Not anymore, but when I was studying at the Conservatory, apart from my streams, I had to study the piano class works, and I had to do it outside of the stream because I couldn't use the electric keyboard (at the Conservatory they made me study with a wall or grand piano).

The period of my life that I dedicated the most daily hours to it was in 2022, I had to combine the Twitch streams with the preparation of the end-of-degree recital at the Conservatory, which is the most important exam of my 14-year career. I spent between six and eight hours a day, the morning and three or four hours - Because Esports City League, apart in the afternoon.

-In a few days the Sports City Fest Andorra will be held. It's a gamer event, right?

- Yes, it is the first event of 2023 of the Sports City League, which has also opened its headquarters in Andorra. It's also the first event where all the ambassadors are going for the first time: Bekaesh, Revol Aimar, DualView, Suja and myself.

-For those who don't know, explain to us what will be done.

-There will be a lot of activities for those interested in gaming. They will be able to find the leagues of different video games that they can sign up for. In addition, there will be stalls to buy merchandise, and on Saturday May 20th I will be doing the soundtrack concert around 5:00

ends. I also do housework, which is three or four hours of streaming in -Why did you decide to participate?

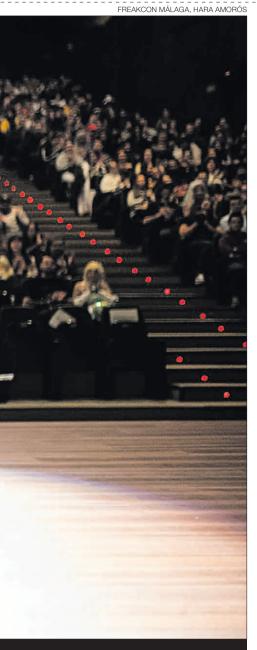
from being an ambassador, gives me the opportunity to go to events and perform concerts. This is what fills me the most about my job, going on stage and seeing an audience totally devoted to the music. That's why I'm always willing to participate in these events, because I see the reflection of my work and share what I like with people. Also, I always meet amazing people in my industry.

-What do you expect from the event?

-The event looks incredible, I am sure they have worked very hard to start the 2023 event season with magnificence.

As for my gig, my experience with Esports City League has always been very good, both in-person and online. People are always so nice, dedicated and appreciative, and on an online level they have an amazing realization for my gigs. This way, pe-

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ople who are at home can watch it through Twitch.

- -There are many creators of digital content in Andorra. Have you thought about moving here?
- I haven't thought about it. I am



from Asturias and have lived there for 27 years. In October 2022 I moved to Madrid for work, and at the moment I have not considered leaving. My life is divided between Gijón and Madrid, and I would not like to live anywhere other than one of these two cities.

-What is left to do? What are your short and long term goals?

-My goal is to keep enjoying what I do and never stop creating. Now I am in the middle of a very innovative project for my content that I am sure I will enjoy a lot. Music has an infinite scope and can be interpreted in countless ways. Continuing to grow as a creator and continuing to attend events is always in my goals. Actually, there are a lot of confirmed dates that I'd love to be able to say, but they can't come to light yet.

In the long run, it always looks blurry. Five years ago I would never have imagined that I would be where I am today. Things have progressed almost without wanting it and



►► – Elesky at the piano during an event in Spain and image of her on the beach.

«At the Sports City League that will be held in a few days there will be many activities for those interested in the world

of gaming»

without looking for it, and I have always been surprised by what has crossed my path. I intend to continue dedicating myself to music, although I have already fulfilled dreams that I had never dreamed of. A long time ago my life became what I always wanted to have and I never knew. \equiv

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